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AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA PRIORITY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 6397

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - THE UNHCR APPEAL FOR FIRST
ASYLUM AND RESETTLEMENT

REF: STATE 194698

1. TEXT OF USG'S REPLY TO UNHCR'S APPEAL CONVEYED VERBALLY TO ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER MACE IN ABSENCE OF SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN THIS AFTERNOON. (FORMAL LETTER FOLLOWS) MACE AND OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT EXPRESSED WARM GRATITUDE FOR RESPONSE AND INQUIRED WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT ALSO BE PASSED TO MISSIONS OF COUNTRIES CONCERNED IN GENEVA. PLS ADVISE.

2. REQUEST FOR ESTIMATES AS STATED PARA 5 REF ALSO COMMUNICATED TO UNHCR. THE PROMISED RESPOND AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. TO URGING THAT UNCHR SEND REPLACEMENT FOR DAHR IN MANILA SO AS TO PERMIT OVERLAP DURING AUGUST, UNHCR RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL STATED THAT AS MATTERS NOW STOOD, DAHR'S REPLACEMENT WOULD ARRIVE "WEEK OR TWO" AFTER HIS DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT CURRENTLY PHILOPPINES ARE, WITH JAPAN, MOST RECEPTIVE COUNTRY IN AREA IN REGARD TO SMALL BOAT REFUGEES. MISSOFF GAINED IMPRESSION, THOUGH THIS NOT STATED, THAT UNHCR MIGHT ENDEAVOR ADVANCE REPLACEMENT'S ARRIVAL AS RESULT OF THIS INTERVENTION.

4. AS CONCERNS ASSIGNMENT UNHCR REP FOR MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA, OR SEMI-PERMANENT REP IN HONG KONG, UNHCR OFFICIALS STATED THAT SECOND OFFICIAL HAD ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED TO BEEF UP SAMPATKUMAR'S OFFICE, BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT ARRIVE
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FOR A MONTH OR MORE. MISSOFF STRESSED VITAL TIME ELEMENT IN STRENGTHENING UNHCR OPERATION IN CHINA SEA AREA IN LIGHT OF CURRENT CAPE ERIMO CASE, WHICH COULD CANCEL OUT ALL THE PROGRESS GAINED AFTER GREAT EFFORT OVER THE AVA IN HONG KONG. AS WITH MANILA REPRESENTATION, UNHCR REPS APPEARED TO TAKE THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT FOR POSSIBLE CORRECTIVE ACTION. (FYI: IN THIS CONTEXT, MISSOFF EARLIER RAISED PRIVATELY WITH MACE SUBJECT OF SAMPATKUMAR'S ABILITY TO CARRY

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THE BALL ALONE ON THIS ONE. MACE VOICED HIS OWN PERSONAL
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